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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 8, 2009, for which a response is due on January 8, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.